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FYI – Official announcement regarding changes at NM DOE facilities.

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FYI

From: EMFEDCAST [<mailto:emfedcast@em.doe.gov>]
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Subject: EM Personnel Changes

Colleagues,

I would like to inform you of a set of leadership changes planned for the EM complex. We have selected new, permanent managers for the Carlsbad Field Office and the EM Los Alamos Field Office, and have selected a new senior-level leadership position at EM Headquarters.

Reinhard Knerr has been selected to serve as the new Manager of the Carlsbad Field Office, effective mid-July. He will transition from his current role as DUF6 Federal Project Director at the Portsmouth Paducah Project Office, where he oversees the DUF6 conversion facilities at the Portsmouth and Paducah sites, and earlier this month, saw the completion of a Record of Decision for disposition of depleted uranium oxide from the two sites.

Reinhard has held leadership and strategic planning roles at the Paducah site since 2004, including managing environmental remediation work, transitioning the Gaseous Diffusion Plant from USEC back to the Department of Energy and initiating utility and infrastructure optimization projects, among others. He also has served as transuranic waste certification team leader at WIPP. Reinhard also has over nine years' experience as a nuclear criticality safety engineer supporting contractor operations at the Pantex Plant. He holds a Bachelor of Science in nuclear engineering from the Pennsylvania State University.

I want to thank Greg Sosson for serving as acting CBFO manager since December. Greg has been selected to serve as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety, Security and Quality Assurance (EM-3.1) at EM Headquarters. During his tenure as acting CBFO manager, Greg successfully led the WIPP site as it operated in a mission essential-critical operations posture as part of the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic while guiding critical infrastructure improvements.



Greg previously held the position of Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Field Operations Oversight at EM Headquarters. Prior to joining DOE, Greg was in the commercial nuclear industry for 28 years in senior operations and engineering positions with a focus on safe and efficient mission accomplishment, including 10 years as a Senior Reactor Operator. He also spent 10 years as a light and mechanized infantry officer in the Army Reserve and National Guard. Greg holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Business Administration from Saint Joseph's University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer.

I want to thank Mike Mikolanis for serving as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety, Security and Quality Assurance while Greg has been at Carlsbad. Mike's field experience was crucial as he led many of the EM complex-wide efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic. He will be returning to his role as Assistant Manager for Nuclear Material Stabilization at the DOE Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR).

Kirk Lachman will become Manager of the EM-Los Alamos, effective June 21. Kirk currently serves as Deputy Manager of the Carlsbad Field Office, where he also served as Acting Manager for five months in 2019. Before joining CBFO, Kirk was the Deputy Chief for Field Operations at EM Headquarters. He has previously served in a variety of line management and safety oversight positions from 2010-2017 at the Nevada Field Office (NFO). He served from 2005 until 2010 as the engineering design group supervisor for the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) in Las Vegas.

Kirk graduated from the DOE Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program as well as the Harvard Senior Executive Fellows Program in 2011. He has a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from the University of Nebraska and a Master of Science in mechanical engineering from Colorado State University.

I also want to thank Thomas Johnson, who has served as Acting Manager of EM-Los Alamos for the past four months. Thomas ably guided the site's safe and successful performance while adhering to COVID-19 precautions, and the current ramp-up of activities. Thomas will return to the Savannah River Site, and to his position as Deputy Manager of DOE-SR.

Please join me in thanking these colleagues for their continued support of EM and wishing them the best in their new positions.

Sincerely,

William "Ike" White